

Page 20, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 21 with the following:

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--The process according to the invention for the production of at least two-ply paper laminates generally comprises at least one step in which hotmelt adhesive is applied to a first layer of paper and a second layer of paper is laminated onto the first layer after a certain time and spatial interval. To ensure that adequate adhesion is developed between the first and second layers of paper, the hotmelt adhesive must still be sufficiently tacky at the time the second layer is laminated onto the first, i.e. it should not yet be physically cured....--

Page 27, line 1, delete "Claims:" and insert --WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:-- in place thereof.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 19, 25 and 26 to read as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) A process for the production of at least two-ply paper laminates, the process comprising:

applying a water-soluble hotmelt adhesive to a first layer of paper, the hotmelt adhesive having a solubility in water at 20°C of at least 3% by weight and wherein a 0.3% by weight solution of the hotmelt adhesive in water has an upper cloud point of at least 60°C, and

laminating at least a second layer of paper onto the adhesive side of the first layer.

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19. (Amended) A process comprising:

applying a hotmelt adhesive to at least a portion of a first substrate, the hotmelt adhesive being selected from the group consisting of polyalkylene glycols having a molecular weight at least 1,000 and a solubility in water at 20°C of at least 3% by weight and nonionic polyurethanes having a molecular weight (M_n) of at least 2,000, wherein a 0.3% by weight solution of the hotmelt adhesive in water has an upper cloud point of at least 60°C; and

contacting a second substrate with the hotmelt adhesive.

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25. (Amended) A product made by the process of claim 19 wherein the hotmelt adhesive applied to the first substrate is moisture-tackifiable.

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26. (Amended) A hygiene paper comprising:

a first layer of paper secured to a second layer of paper by a hotmelt adhesive selected from the group consisting of polyalkylene glycols having a molecular weight of at least 1,000 and a solubility in water at 20°C of at least 3% by weight and nonionic polyurethanes having a molecular weight (M_n) of at least 2,000, wherein a 0.3% by weight solution of the hotmelt adhesive in water has an upper cloud point of at least 60°C.

Please cancel Claims ~~12~~, ~~20~~ and ~~27~~ without prejudice.

Please add new Claims 31-36 as follows:

31. (New) The product of Claim 25 which is a stamp, envelope or label.

32. (New) A process comprising:

applying a hotmelt adhesive to at least a portion of a first substrate, the hotmelt adhesive comprising a nonionic polyurethane obtained from a polyurethane reaction mixture containing ^{1?}as a (hydrophobic) chain extender for the polyurethane (a chain extender) comprising a hydrophobic diol having a hydrophobic moiety containing from (6 to 36 carbon atoms;) and

contacting a second substrate with the hotmelt adhesive.

33. (New) The process of Claim 32 wherein the polyurethane reaction mixture further comprises at least one polyisocyanate and a polyol.

34. (New) The process of Claim 33 wherein the at least one polyol comprises a polyalkylene oxide.

35. (New) The process of Claim 33 wherein the (hydrophobic diol chain extender is obtained by reacting at least one NCO-terminated oligomer with a reactant selected from the group consisting of monools and monofunctional amines.)